

DEALS DEATH TO TWO; FIGHTS TO THE FINISH

Prominent South Carolinian
Causes Sensational Tragedy on B. & O. Train
and Loses Life.

KILLS CONDUCTOR AND HOLDS POLICE AT BAY

Supposed Crazy Man Starts Trouble
by First Shooting Down Parlor Car
Porter Near Wilmington, Del.—Bar-
ricades Himself in Toilet and Fires
From Arsenal Until Dead.

(By Associated Press.)
WILMINGTON, DEL., March 23.—An exciting battle, in which three men were killed, took place on a northbound Baltimore & Ohio Railroad train this afternoon. The fight began at Newark, Del., and ended in this city. Several persons were wounded in the deadly affray, which occurred at the Delaware avenue station here following the arrival of the train at 5:17 o'clock.
The dead are:
O. E. Wellman, aged 40 years, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train.
Samuel Williams, aged 50 years, negro, Pullman porter, whose home is said to have been in Jersey City.
J. H. Bethea, aged 49 years, of Dillon, S. C.
The injured:
John O. Wiley, aged 40 years, a park guard of Wilmington, Del., shot in the hand and leg.
Matthew Haley, a citizen of Wilmington, shot in the leg.
Others were grazed by flying bullets.

Where Trouble Starts.
The triple tragedy was the result of an altercation between Bethea, who was a passenger, and Williams, the porter in the Pullman parlor car Mercury.

The car was bound from Washington to Jersey City.

Bethea, who had been drinking heavily, shot the porter through the heart, killing him instantly. When Conductor Wellman saw the porter fall, he ran to the scene to remove the smoking revolver in his hand. Bethea fired a second shot into the negro's body. Then without a word, Bethea shot Wellman through the heart.

The conductor fell dead in his tracks. When the desperado fired the conductor threw up his right arm to protect himself. The bullet struck his arm and, continuing, plunged through his body and lodged in his heart.

Defies Interference.
Before the passengers could interfere, the double murderer barricaded himself in the toilet room of the Pullman car and threatened to kill the first person who appeared.

Meanwhile the train reached Wilmington. When it came into the station a hurry call was sent to the police station. A squad of patrolmen, headed by Police Captains Kane and Evans and reinforced by Park Guards and a posse of citizens and trainmen, ran to the scene. The police called upon Bethea to surrender. As an answer he opened the door of the toilet room a short distance and opened fire at the police and the crowd from an automatic revolver. Chief of Police Black, who also rushed to the railroad station, dodged behind an express office on the train floor just in time to escape several bullets.

Firemen Join in Battle.
Bethea is believed to have had at least 100 rounds of ammunition, for he succeeded in holding the posse at bay until 6:30. He was killed by the train from 5:17 until 6:30.

During this time many shots were fired on both sides until finally all the windows of the car were shattered. Travel over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was also tied up.

When the battle had lasted about an hour the police realized that they would be unable to drive the man from cover. A call was sent to a local fire company nearby. The firemen responded with their engine. Attaching a high pressure hose to a fire truck and with the firemen barricaded behind tracks and boards, a stream of water was played upon the windows of the toilet room. The desperado fired a number of shots at the firemen, but they were not injured.

Subsequently Bethea, drenched with water, staggered to the platform and the police once more called upon him to surrender.
His reply was several shots in quick order, from his revolver.
Desperado Killed.
Several of the policemen had armed themselves with shot guns and just as Bethea fired the last shot Police Captain Evans fired a load of shot into his face. Notwithstanding the injury he kept on blazing away. Patrolman Baughman opened fire with a pistol and struck Bethea in the right arm. The desperate man

CITY OF RICHMOND TO HAVE JUVENILE COURT

In Accordance With Bill Passed by
Last Legislature Children Will
be Tried Separate.

RICHMOND, VA., March 23.—Richmond will have a juvenile court, in everything except name, within the next few weeks.
In the Cox bill passed early in the last session of the legislature provision was made "for the detention or commitment of minors under seventeen years of age for certain offenses; when they can and cannot be sent to jail; allowing them to be released on probation; the approval of the State Board of Charities and Corrections under certain contingencies; penalties for removing any child committed to these homes; allowing jury trials and appeals, and appointment of probation officers and suitors of their duties."
Next week the Board of Charities and Corrections will meet to carry out the provisions of the bill. Plans will be adopted to put into practical operation the intent of the measure, and within a short time few, if any, children will be tried in the same open court with adult offenders.

Mother of Sixteen War Veterans.
MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., March 23.—Mrs. Sarah Brandon, aged 100, of this city, holds the United States record as the mother of the largest number of Civil War veterans. No less than 16 of her boys served in the battles of that war. Fourteen on the Union side and two with the Confederates, while her total family was 23. Her twenty-three children are also the parents of large families. The oldest, Hiram, is 89 years old, while the youngest, Evan Brandon, is 72 years, and works daily in a coal mine.

GET JURY-FIXERS TOO

Pittsburg Graff Probe to Strike
Many Branches.

DELVING INTO MUCH VICE

Drag Net Does Not Stop at Hauling
in Members of Council, But
Reaches the Courts and Disorderly
House Traffic.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, PA., March 23.—Nine more men, conscience-stricken over taking money for their votes, appeared before Judge R. S. Frazer today and, after telling all they knew of the councilman's graft conspiracy, had sentence postponed.

Besides these nine, former President of Common Council William Brand, one of the ring leaders, according to those who confessed, has also made a statement which is in the hands of the district attorney.

J. C. Washen, who is in the penitentiary, made his confession to the grand jury today. He wept like a child during his recital, while John Klein, tried to soothe him.

Ready for Bribe-Givers.
On the statement from Brand Washen and Klein who were the principals in the conspiracy, according to their own statements, it is said the district attorney is ready to proceed against the bribe-givers and, while no names are given out, Washen's statements is said to implicate some prominent men.

The opportunity to voluntarily confess and receive postponed sentences, or "immunity" has passed for those that have not come forward. Those that have been indicted will be brought to trial and the first of these will start Monday.

Already a crusade against jury-fixing has been started by the district attorney. Today five men were literally yanked from the court room by county detectives. It is said they were busy with bribe money for jurors about the court house corridors. Each man was put through a severe examination, and arrests are predicted for a number of others known about the court house to be jury-fixers.

Disorderly House Traffic.
No indictments were handed down by the grand jury today, although they have sufficient evidence for true bills against more than a half a hundred. Those will come along, according to the assistant district attorney, before the end of the week.

Now that the councilman's graft evidence is about in, the district attorney is about to take up the traffic in disorderly houses and vice, in which councilmen have been implicated by the confession.
Detectives have already furnished evidence against proprietors of thirteen gambling houses and 216 disorderly resorts.

NO INSURGENT IS ADMITTED TO LIST

Republican Caucus Selects
Members of the House
Rules Committee.

STRAIGHTOUTS ONLY LAND IN THE POSITION

During Friendly Rivalry the Six Ap-
portioned to the Majority Party Are
Elected to the New-made Body—Re-
bels Bring No Kick and Declare
They Are Satisfied.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—With only the friendliest sort of rivalry although, arousing a keen interest, the Republican caucus tonight selected the six members of the rules committee apportioned to the Republican majority of the house.

The following, all members of the regular wing of the party, were chosen:
Walter I. Smith, of Iowa, 168 votes.
John Dalzell, Pennsylvania, 146 votes.
George P. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, 126 votes.
J. Sloan Fassett, New York, 113 votes.
Sylvester C. Smith, California, 136 votes.
Henry S. Bontell, Illinois, 108 votes.

Two ballots were taken, the four first named receiving a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot and the two last named being chosen on the second ballot.

Vote Written Ballot.
The six members named represent a slate prepared by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, during the day after numerous conferences with both regulars and insurgents.

The vote in the caucus tonight was taken by written ballot, each member of the caucus writing the names of six men he desired to vote for. There were nineteen names placed in nomination and a large number, besides these, received complimentary votes. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, received 39, the largest number received by any insurgent.

The only incident approaching excitement was when Mr. Tawney rose after the meeting was called to order and offered a resolution proposing the list of six men as named.

Payne Settles Matter.
Immediately there was objection from an insurgent member from Iowa, to the restricted numbers and an informal nominating ballot was prepared. To this Mr. Tawney demurred and Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, securing the floor, told the former that he believed there should be an open ballot. Representative Payne, of New York, the majority leader, settled the controversy by declaring in favor of an informal ballot.

Mr. Tawney withdrew his resolution and list. His slate, nevertheless, had been gotten before his assistants and proved successful on the ballots which followed.

The members will rank on the enlarged rules committee according to their seniority of service in the house, which will give the chairmanship to Mr. Dalzell.

The Democrats will caucus tomorrow night to name the four members allotted to the minority and the whole list will be brought before the house Friday for formal endorsement.

The insurgents seemed to be satisfied, although none of the most radical ones who cast their ballot for Speaker Cannon's deposition last Saturday, expressed themselves on the subject.

Representative Norris, of Nebraska, said:

"It was a fair and square deal. I think everybody is very well satisfied, though the men selected are not the men I would have named if I had had the choosing."

A last scanning of the list showed that only the most consistent of the "regulars" of the house was selected.

Mr. Payne, before the nominations were made, addressed the caucus and appealed to all of the 193 members present to act as Republicans without regard to any issues whatever. He appealed for harmony, a united republic and characterized any division within the party as unfair and needless. So far as he was concerned, he said, he was in favor of putting one insurgent on the rules committee.

During the early hour of the caucus Speaker Cannon spent the time in his room reading his newspapers and conversing with his secretary. He felt that his presence in the caucus might be misinterpreted. Shortly after 9 o'clock he made up his mind to join in the proceedings.
"Guess I'd better go in and cast my ballot," he called to Mr. Bontell, of Illinois, who had strolled in. They went into the house chamber together and remained there for the rest of the session. The speaker voted for the Tawney slate.

REFUSES TO TALK ON PINCHOT CONTROVERSY

Roosevelt Wants All the Facts at
Hand First—Former President
and Family Off for Cairo.

(By Associated Press.)
LUXOR, UPPER EGYPT, March 23.—Colonel Roosevelt's departure from Luxor at 7 o'clock this evening was made the occasion of a great outpouring of residents and tourists. They cheered the ex-president as his train started for Cairo. The Egyptian capital will be reached tomorrow morning and Col. Roosevelt and his party will remain in that city for nearly a week.

The subject of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy and the departure for Europe of Gifford Pinchot, the deposed chief forester, of the United States, for the ostensible purpose of having a conference with the former President, was brought to Col. Roosevelt's attention today, but he declined to make any statement, merely reiterating his determination not to discuss questions of a political nature until he had all the facts in hand.

SENATOR DANIEL'S CONDITION BETTER

Bulletin from the Statesman's
Bedside Indicates Improve-
ment Considerable.

(By Associated Press.)
DAYTONA, FLA., March 23.—A bulletin issued from the bedside of United States Senator Daniel, of Virginia, tonight indicates a slight change in his condition since yesterday. The improvement is considerable as compared with the senator's condition on Monday.

He now lies in a state that is described as being between coma and heavy sleepiness.

The following bulletin was issued tonight:

"Senator Daniel's condition this evening shows little change. What there is, however, is favorable. His speech being rather more distinct at times today than previously. He also keeps his eyes open more. Pulse, temperature and nourishment still continue satisfactory."

RICHMOND ELKS WILL CONTINUE THEIR BAR

Decide by Large Majority to
Conduct the Home as
Heretofore.

(Special to Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., March 23.—After a late discussion tonight, the local lodge of Elks decided by the vote of a large majority of its members to continue the conduct of the home in the future as it has been in the past.

The question of whether or not the bar should be continued was brought up and argued from purely a business viewpoint and it was decided that it be carried on as heretofore.

There has never been any "wet" and "dry" factions in the club as has been reported.

It was decided that the meeting was one concerning only members of the order and a resolution was passed in the meeting that its proceedings be kept secret. It was therefore impossible to ascertain exactly how the vote stood.

OHIO STARTS PROBE.

Legislature Takes Steps to Investi-
gate Bribery Charges.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 23.—The house of representatives today adopted the Elson resolution providing for a bi-partisan investigation by four members appointed by the speaker, of charges made by Representative C. B. Winters, of Erie county, Ohio, that efforts had been made to bribe them in connection with the passage of the Elson bill, permitting telephone companies to merge. A joint resolution providing for a probe by a committee representing both houses and senate was proposed but the house was afraid the senate would not adopt it. Then a separate house investigation was decided upon.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.
(By Associated Press.)
BRISTOL, TENN., March 23.—J. M. Smith, seventy odd years old, was tonight acquitted of the murder of "Lu" Stout, whom he killed two weeks ago in defense of his son.

BATTLE NOW TURNS ON THE BALLOT BOX

Pennsylvania State Federation
of Labor Refuses to Call
Statewide Strike.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY TO BE THE OUTCOME

Movement to be Pushed in Every Part
of the State—Situation in Philadel-
phia Settles Down to Question of
Longest Endurance Between the
Car Company and Men.

(By Associated Press.)
WILKESBARRE, PA., March 23.—After being in session nearly all day the executive council of the State Federation of Labor came to the conclusion that it was not opportune to call a statewide strike to aid the striking street car men in Philadelphia.

This decision was reached unanimously and it is said to have been hastened by the action of the textile workers of Philadelphia, who went out on a sympathetic strike, last night voted to return to work. Instead of appealing to the trade unionists of the state to quit work, the council fell in with the movement started in Philadelphia Tuesday night, to form a labor party in the state.

Way to Get Justice.
President Greenwalt was very positive in his statement that the only way the working classes in Philadelphia and throughout the state could get justice was through the ballot box.

The council decided to give the movement every encouragement. The council will meet at the call of President Greenwalt shortly, when plans will be formulated to get the new party in working order.

The executive council, after giving out the following statement, adjourned:

Statement Issued.
"The general strike proposition was given careful consideration and the conclusion reached that such a drastic remedy should not be applied unless as a last resort for a settlement of the strike in Philadelphia, all plans relative to a general industrial strike are held in abeyance."

Notwithstanding this decision it is the purpose of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor to call a general statewide strike and to call on every citizen to drop his usual occupation next election day and strike at the ballot box for clean politics and honest government.

The executive committee also took favorable action on the movement started in Philadelphia to organize a labor party and it was announced that from now on it would be the aim of the executive officers of the state federation to push the movement in every part of the state.

Question of Endurance.
PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 23.—With the decision of the state labor organization not to declare a sympathetic strike and the return to work of many of the sympathetic strikers in this city, the situation was settled down to a question of endurance between the striking carmen and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Officials of the company claim 1,300 cars are in operation. The secretary of the street carmen's union, however, claimed tonight that the greatest number of cars operated in a single day since the beginning of the strike was 600. He claims that there are only 700 members of the Keystone Union, the members of which remained loyal to the company, and that even with the imported strike breakers, the company will require 4,400 more men.

The committee of ten, of the Central Labor Union, which has been directing the general strike, in its statement tonight, stated that it is assured that the company cannot hold out much longer.

LILLIS TAKES VACATION.

Recently Carved up Kansas City
Banker Leaves for Indefinite Period.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, MO., March 23.—Jere Lillis, president of the Western Exchange Bank of this city, who was attacked by J. P. Cudahy three weeks ago in Cudahy's house, left here today on an indefinite vacation, but his destination is not known by the public.

Ordered by his physicians to take a long rest, Lillis may go abroad before returning to Kansas City. He has not resigned as president of the bank. A friend of Mr. Lillis was asked if the banker did not expect to meet Mr. Cudahy in the south, but this friend denied this was the purpose of Mr. Lillis' trip.

Mr. Cudahy recently was in Asheville, N. C.

EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN COMMANDER PEARY

Secretary of London Royal Geograph-
ic Society Writes Concerning
Claims of Explorer.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—A letter from the secretary of the Royal Geographic Society of London, expressing great interest in the attitude of congress towards Commander Peary and stating that the writer was confident that Peary had reached the North Pole, was made public today by Representative Allen, of Maine, one of the explorer's supporters.

The letter, which was addressed to Admiral Chester by Secretary Kehlie of the London society, and forwarded to Representative Allen, follows:

"We are naturally very interested in the report which you and your colleagues issue with reference to the Peary observations. I am not surprised at the results, as I may add that here everybody has confidence in Peary's honesty and competence. Of course, it is very difficult as you know to be sure of your observations at such a latitude with a low sun, but I think there can be no doubt that Peary got to the pole, or, as I think you reported, a little beyond it. We are looking forward to seeing Peary here some time at the end of April or the beginning of May."

MAIL DELIVERER INVENTED.

Device Approved for Handling Stacks
Where Fast Trains Do Not Stop.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—By a device invented by an Iowa man and approved by the postmaster general today, mail will be taken upon moving trains and delivered at many places where fast trains do not stop. The adoption of the device marks an important step in the movement to equip all railroad lines with it.

The growth of the service and the shortening of schedules has necessitated change of mails without stopping at many offices of considerable size. The new device takes on or discharges mails safely without danger of throwing the sacks under the wheels and destroyed them or derailing the train.

SHE TAKES FATAL RIDE

Major Slocum's Wife Instantly
Killed in Auto Wreck.

COLLISION AT WASHINGTON

Machine and Street Car Run Together
and the Fearful Smash Up Follows
—Mrs. Slocum is Crushed Under
Wreck—Companion Injured.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—Major General J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army, who was injured early today in an automobile accident in which Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum, wife of Major Slocum, United States army, was almost instantly killed, was reported tonight to be resting comfortably. One of his ribs was broken and he suffered some scalp wounds, but no internal injuries have been discovered and no complications of any sort have set in.

Husband Arrives.
Major Slocum, who is a member of the 70th cavalry, and now stationed at Governor's Island, New York, arrived tonight with his sons, German, who is also at Governor's Island, and Theodore, a student at Princeton University. He was met at the train by Inspector General Grallington, almost a life long friend, and by Colonel Crowder, of the advocates general's office, and Lieutenant Colonel Rean, an assistant to the surgeon-general.

No further arrangements have been made for the funeral of Mrs. Slocum than that the body will be taken, after the iron rest tomorrow, to the home of her birth, Ossining, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the latter a sister of Mrs. Slocum, and Miss Robinson, of New York, also arrived here tonight.

The Accident.
The accident was caused by a south-bound trolley car of the Wisconsin avenue car line, near Tennantstown, in the northwest outskirts of this city, colliding with an automobile owned by General Bell. The car was occupied by Mrs. H. J. Slocum, 50 years, of Governor's Island, New York; Mrs. N. L. Green and General Bell.

Mrs. Slocum, who received internal injuries, was removed to Georgetown Hospital in an automobile where she was pronounced dead.

Chauffeur Ward was unhurt, but was soon arrested, together with the motorcar and conductor of the trolley car. They were later released from custody, however, on orders from Coroner Nevitt, who instructed them to appear at the inquest tomorrow morning.

Fatal Visit.
Mrs. Slocum, whose husband is a

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OUTDOES FORMER DASH THROUGH AIR

Oldfield Covers Two Miles in
Fifty-five Seconds in Auto
at Daytona.

TRACK WIZARD BECOMES WORLD'S SPEED KING

With His Two Hundred Horsepower
Machine, the Great Racer Smashes
His Own Record Recently Estab-
lished by Three Seconds—Champion
Only Toys With His Competitors.

(By Associated Press.)
DAYTONA, FLA., March 23.—Barney Oldfield, "wizard of the track," today proved his right to the title of the world's speed king by smashing three world's records, including two which experts long since figured would stand for many years yet.

On the hard surface of the Daytona Beach, driving his 200-horsepower Benz, with which he, a week ago, broke the world's mile record at a rate of speed equaling 131.73 miles per hour, Oldfield today covered two miles in 55.85, about 3 seconds better than the previous world's record made by Demoget, of Paris, on the Daytona track in 1906. Thirty minutes later Oldfield drove against the world kilometer record of 17.76 seconds made by Hemery on the Brookland track.

His Third Record.
Oldfield shot past the starting line like a meteor and finished the distance in 17.94. The third record established by Oldfield was the one mile stock chassis mark of 40.35 in a Knox.

Although David Bruce Brown, Walter Christie, George Robertson, Ben Kirscher and a number of other well known drivers with fast cars, "articulated in today's races, Oldfield swept all before him with a hurricane of speed and daring that proved that the "old timer" is better than ever. The consistency of Oldfield's work with his giant Benz shows that no fake can be held responsible for his great mile record last week. Oldfield will go for the mile record tomorrow and promises a mile at the rate of 140 miles an hour.

While Oldfield won today in the one mile world's championship event, it was evident that the champion was only toying with his competitor, George Robertson, who drove the Christie car, and was not trying to get the very best speed out of his Benz.

Even's as Pulled Off.

Summaries:
First event—mile world's championship trial against time—Oldfield, Benz, 58.25 seconds; George Robertson, Christie car, 59.30 seconds.

Second event—Oldfield, driving a Knox car, to establish stock car record for one mile. Time, 40.35.

Third event—Ten miles, Florida championship, won by Hotchkiss, Pope-Harford; second, Bond, driving a Stearnes. Time, 9:41.

Fourth event—One kilometer, time trial for world's record—Oldfield driving his 200-horsepower Benz, made the distance in 17.94, lowering the previous world's record of 17.76, held by Hemery.

Fifth event—Two mile record trials—Oldfield, driving his Benz, made the distance in 55.85 seconds, lowering by about three seconds, the previous world's record of 58.45 seconds, made by Demoget at Daytona in 1906.

Sixth event—Ten miles, handicap—Davis, driving Chalmers 40, won; Hotchkiss, Pope-Harford, second. Time, 12:13.

SIX MEN DROWNED.

Tug Arthur B Goes Down in Gulf Off
Frazier River.

(By Associated Press.)
VANCOUVER, B. C., March 23.—The tug Arthur B. from Tacoma to Vancouver, foundered last night off Frazier river lightship. Six men were drowned.

A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the gulf last night and off the San Heads a big sea was running. The lightkeeper in charge of the lightship off the Frazier river saw the tug laboring heavily and while he was watching she foundered and went down.

The tug was used in the cement and plaster carrying trade between Puget Sound and British Columbia ports.

Ordered to Santo Domingo.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—The navy department today ordered the gunboat Paducah, now at Havana, to proceed to Santo Domingo. The situation there is politically disturbed and it is deemed well to have an American warship convenient in case the trouble becomes more acute.